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Motorists cautioned to be alert in road construction and maintenance work zones during summer travel season

Motorists traveling this summer should be alert for orange cones along with construction and maintenance workers on many of North Dakota's state highways, city and county roads as the state has another big construction season underway.

The Governor and state legislators designated approximately \$2.26 billion for the next two construction seasons to rebuild and repair all roadways in the state. Using these resources, the state and counties will have approximately \$807 million of construction work occurring this year.

Some major state road construction projects the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is working on this year include:

- Lewis and Clark Bridge near Williston
- US 2 between Williston and Minot
- New interchange at Exit 56 on I-94 near Dickinson
- I-29 north of Fargo
- *(please see list below for more projects in your area)*

"As you travel the state's roadways, you will encounter construction and maintenance activities not only on state highways but also on city streets and county roads," said Grant Levi, NDDOT Director. "Unfortunately, over the last three years there have been two fatalities in construction work zones in each year. It is important to slow down and pay attention as your safety and the safety of workers depends on it."

With another busy construction season planned, the NDDOT along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) and the Associated General Contractors of North Dakota (AGC of ND) are working together to get the message out to the public that work zones need our undivided attention.

The NDHP will be working overtime, as part of a grant provided by the NDDOT, to enforce traffic laws in work zones. "Troopers issued 900 citations during last year's work zone enforcement campaign, with speeding being the most frequently enforced traffic violation," says Lieutenant Iverson, NDHP. "Slowing down is one of the first things motorists should do to prevent crashes and potentially save lives." The minimum fine for speeding through a work zone is \$80.

Motorists who encounter roadway projects this summer should follow a few basic tips:

- Don't speed- Obey posted speed limits at all times, even when workers aren't present. Pavement conditions may exist that require reduced speeds.
- Be patient- Work zones aren't present to inconvenience drivers, they're an important part in maintaining and rebuilding our state's infrastructure.
- Minimize distractions- Don't talk on your cell phone, change the radio stations, or do anything that takes your eyes off the road.
- Stay alert- Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.

To complete the work on road projects, contractors from all over the state and country will be present at work zones. Russ Hanson, Executive Vice President with the Associated General Contractors of North Dakota, asks drivers to respect the crews working on the roads by slowing down. "Construction crews are out working in all kinds of conditions to make the roads better for all motorists. Respect the signs and flaggers and slow down to create a safe environment for all."

Motorists can keep updated on construction projects several ways:

- Travel Information map at www.dot.nd.gov
- Calling 511
- NDRoads smartphone app
- Subscribing to work zone email notifications at <http://www.dot.nd.gov/govdelivery/landing.htm>

2015 NDDOT Highway Construction Projects

Below is a list of some of the NDDOT road construction projects taking place on state highways during the 2015 construction season. The projects are listed according to the NDDOT District in which they are located.

Bismarck District:

McClellan, Sheridan, Oliver, Burleigh, Kidder, Morton, Grant, Sioux, Logan, Emmons, Mercer, Wells and McIntosh counties.

Major projects include:

- I-94- Eastbound and westbound from Sterling to County Line
- I-94- Eastbound and westbound from Eagles Nest to New Salem
- ND 1804 from ND 13 to Hazelton Junction
- ND 1804 from Cattail Bay to junction of ND 13
- ND 3- Grade raise 6 miles north of junction of ND 36

Dickinson District:

Golden Valley, Billings, Dunn, Mercer, Stark, Slope, Hettinger, Bowman and Adams counties.

Major projects include

- New interchange at exit 56 along I-94
- State Avenue grade separation
- ND 22- Widening, passing lanes, turn lanes from Killdeer south through Manning
- I-94- Eastbound and westbound from Montana line to Camel Hump and Medora to Fryburg

Williston District:

Divide, Burke, Williams, Mountrail, McKenzie and Ward counties.

Major projects include

- ND 23- from one mile east of the junction of 1806 to the ND Highway 73 (Johnson's Corner) intersection. (Roundabout)
- Roundabout at the intersection of ND Highway 200 and ND Highway 58 near Fairview
- New Town Main Street Reconstruction
- US 85- Lewis and Clark Bridge replacement south of Williston
- ND 40 Reconstruction in Tioga
- ND 23- north of the junction of ND Highway 73 to east of Watford City
- ND 23- from Watford City to the junction of 1806
- US 2- from the Junction of US Highway 85 east to Ray
- US Highway 85 from the north junction of Us Highway 2/85 (13-mile corner) to the junction of ND Highway 50
- ND Highway 5 from Noonan to Columbus

Minot District:

Renville, Bottineau, Mountrail, McHenry, Ward, McLean, Sheridan, Wells, Rollette and Pierce counties.

Major project include

- US 2- Westbound Granville to Minot
- US 52- Minot to Sawyer
- ND 23- US 83 to ND 41
- US 83- Northbound from ND 37 to ND 23
- US 2- Granville to ND 14
- ND 23- Makoti to ND 28

Devils Lake District:

Rollette, Towner, Cavalier, Pierce, Ramsey, Benson, Wells, Eddy, Nelson, Foster, Griggs and Stutsman counties.

- US 2- Devils Lake to Crary
- ND 15- New Rockford to ND 20
- ND 66 from ND 3 to ND 1
- ND 1 from Lakota south to ND 15

Valley City District:

Stutsman, Barnes, Logan, Lamoure, McIntosh, Dickey, Kidder, Foster, Steele and Ransom counties.

Major projects include

- US 52 from Jamestown north to Buchanan and US 52 Bypass
- I94 from Eckelson to Oakes
- US 281 from ND 46 to Jamestown
- ND 3 from SD state line to W Jct ND 11
- I94 from Crystal Springs to Cleveland

Fargo District:

Trails, Cass, Richland, Sargent, Ransom, Steele, Grand Forks, Lamoure and Dickey counties.

Major project include

- I-29- Northbound from Argusville to north of Gardner
- ND 46 between County 81 and ND 18
- ND 27 between Lisbon and ND 1

- ND 200A between ND 200 and ND 18
- Intersection of County 10 and ND 18 on the north side of Casselton

Grand Forks District:

Pembina, Nelson, Walsh, Grand Forks, Griggs, Steele, Cavalier, Ramsey, Traill and Cass counties.

Major projects include

- US 2 from Lakota to junction of ND 32
- US 2 Sorlie Bridge
- I-29 through Grand Forks

**This is a list of NDDOT state highway projects. For information on local city or county projects, please contact local officials.*